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Disclaimer: This table provides a focused resource to support further exploration. While every attempt was made to be accurate, program changes and errors may occur. Please refer to the specific eligibility requirements of each program if you apply for funds. Send corrections, suggestions, and improvements to liz.reddenmaier@maine.gov. Thank you.

GRANT SOURCE	GRANT NAME	CONTACT/ WEB ADDRESS	RANGE OF GRANT AMOUNTS	ELIGIBILITY	PREFERENCES/ENHANCEMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES
State Funding Sources						
DHS ¹ MMBB ²	State Revolving Loan Fund	http://janus.state.me.us/dhs/eng/water/SRF.htm David Breau at (207) 287-5685.	Low interest (2% below market) loans and principle forgiveness	Community water systems (public, private and non-profit; municipalities)	address serious risk to human health; necessary to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act; to assist public water systems in need	Land acquisition; Loan forgiveness is only available for drinking water infrastructure projects in disadvantaged communities;
DHS	Source Water Protection Planning Grant Program	http://janus.state.me.us/dhs/eng/water/SWP%20Grant%20criteria.htm Joy Nadeau 287-5681	up to \$2,500	community public water eg. Water utilities, mobile home parks, apartment buildings, and nursing homes	demonstrated need; build on previous source protection work involve other municipal or volunteer; partners;	plan or implement projects designed to protect their well or surface water supply from contamination
SPO ³	Land for Maine's Future	http://janus.state.me.us/spo/lmf/homepage.htm Mark Desmeules 287-1487	Fair market value based on appraisal	Non-profits, foundations, individuals, local governments, federal agencies	required 1/3 match of total eligible costs	Land acquisition (easement or fee title)
DEP ⁴	319(h) Non Point Source Pollution Grants	http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/grants.htm Norm Marcotte 287-7727	\$5,000- \$120,000	Municipalities, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, watershed districts, river and watershed groups	preference given to polluted waters (Section 303(d) TMDL), municipalities with Comprehensive Plans consistent with Growth Management Act and DEP priority watersheds - listed at: http://janus.state.me.us/dep/blwq/docwatershed/prilist5.pdf	4 types: Watershed Survey project; Watershed Management Plan, Implement Watershed management Plan; Non Point Source Implementation Project
DEP	Small Communities Grants Program	http://janus.state.me.us/dep/blwq/docgrant/scgpara2.htm Richard Green	25% to 100% of design and construction costs, depending upon the income of the owners of the property, and the property's use	Municipalities. Individual families if federal taxable income for previous year was \$40,000 or less. Commercial uses if gross	actual pollution problem must be documented in order to qualify for funding ; Grant applications must be submitted by the municipality in which the property	grants to help replace malfunctioning septic systems that are polluting a waterbody or causing a public nuisance; highest priority is given to problems which are polluting a public drinking water supply or a

¹ (Maine) Department of Human Services

² Maine Municipal Bond Bank

³ (Maine) State Planning Office

⁴ (Maine) Department of Environmental Protection

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		287-7765	Bonded funds of ~\$1,000,000.00 annually	profit for the previous year was \$40,000 or less.	owner resides.	shellfishing area; grants are not available to provide septic systems for new homes; any home constructed since October, 1974 must show evidence that a septic system was previously installed which complied with the Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules.
DECD ⁵ /HUD ⁶	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	http://www.meocd.org/ Aaron Shapiro 287-8485	Formula grants Funding level: FY98 \$4.2 billion FY99 \$4.2 billion FY00 \$4.2 billion (estimated)	state governments distribute to local governments	Municipalities with Comprehensive Plans that are consistent with the Growth Management Act	Acquisition of real property; relocation and demolition, rehabilitation of structures; public facilities and improvements, such as new or improved water and sewer facilities;
DOT ⁷	Surface Water Quality Protection Program	Susan.Breau@state.me.us 287-3363 Water Quality Protection Program web site under construction will be linked from: http://www.state.me.us/mdot/homepage.htm	~\$300,000.00/year \$35,000.00 (average)	Organizations don't receive funds; sites can be nominated by any interested party; funds are allocated as DOT projects	municipal support a requirement; preference given to projects that: are actively supported by local groups (lake associations, Cons.Comm., soil and water conservation districts); are proposed pursuant to Comprehensive Plans that are consistent with the Growth Management Act; are on DEP lists – Lakes most at risk for development; Priority Watersheds; Priority Water bodies; Atlantic Salmon River Watershed; Non-point source priority coastal watersheds (see DEP web address above to find links to these lists)	Permitting, development and construction of a project that eliminates runoff into surface waters from an eligible highway (call contact for eligible highway categories, will be on web site when fully developed)
Federal Funding Sources						
Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection Second Edition http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/fund.html						
USEPA ⁸	Source Water Assessment or Protection	Mary Jo Feuerbach (617) 918-1578	Not less than \$10,000 Up to Region 1 appropriation (\$1,625,000 in 1999)	State, local & tribal govt's; non-profit community water systems; non-profits with capacity to provide technical	Priority watersheds (ask for their definition)	Groundwater, surface water protection activities in small, rural or economically disadvantaged communities

⁵ (Maine) Department of Community and Economic Development

⁶ Housing and Urban Development, US Department of

⁷ (Maine) Department of Transportation

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USEPA	Public Works and Development Facilities Program	http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/cfda/p11300.htm (202) 482-5268	Average FY98 grant: \$859,443	States, political subdivisions of a state, Indian tribes, special-purpose state/local government units; or public or private nonprofit organizations	must be consistent with an approved regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	demolition, renovation, and construction of public facilities; provision of water or sewer infrastructure; or the development of stormwater control mechanisms
USEPA	Watershed Assistance Grants	http://www.epa.gov/owow/wag.html James Cole (202) 260-4538	FY98 \$0.3 million FY99 \$0.5 million FY00 \$0.6 million (estimated) Maximum funds for individual watershed partnership: \$30,000	Nonprofits, tribes, and local governments.	(match is encouraged but not required) <i>see next entry in table about WAG's from different source</i>	Funding supports organizational development and capacity building for watershed partnerships with diverse membership
River Network; USEPA	Watershed Assistance Grants	http://www.rivernetwork.org/wag2000.htm	\$1,300 - \$30,000	Local watershed partnerships	No previous receipt of WAG; Operational budget <\$250,000; Involve or are supported by local or tribal gov't; Leverage additional funds	
USEPA	Tribal Drinking Water Capacity Building/Source Water Protection Grants	http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect.html (202) 260-3967	Grants. Monetary range varies (\$10,000 to \$80,000 on average) Funding Levels: FY98 \$1.82 million FY99 \$1.87 million FY00 \$1.85 million	Tribes and entities working with tribes		source water assessment and the development and implementation of a source water protection program.
USEPA	Drinking Water SRF Tribal Set-Aside Program	http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribes.html (202) 260-5551	Grants. Monetary range varies. Funding Levels: FY98 \$10.9 million FY99 \$11.6 million FY00 \$12.4 million	Tribes and entities working with tribes	must address an existing drinking water quality problem and identify how the proposed project will improve the quality of drinking water to comply with Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) primary or secondary standards.	efforts to rehabilitate or develop sources (excluding reservoirs, dams, dam rehabilitation and water rights); or replace contaminated sources; projects to install and upgrade treatment, storage or distribution systems
USDA ⁹	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural	http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm (202) 690-2670	Project grants (617 grants in FY98, \$3,000 to \$4.1 million) Direct loans (774 loans in FY98, \$5,000 to \$7.3 million); Guaranteed/insured loans (9	Municipalities, counties, political subdivisions of a state, and authorities, associations, coops, non-profit corporations, and		installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural water facility including costs of distribution lines and well pumping facilities

⁸ United States Environmental Protection Agency

⁹ United State Department of Agriculture

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	Communities		guaranteed/insured loans in FY98)	federally recognized Indian tribes		
USDA	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/OPA/FB96OPA/eqipf_act.html Bill Yamartino 990-9100 (ext. 3) Bill.Yamartino@me.usda.gov	Up to \$50,000 in a 5 – 10 year cost-share contract.	Individuals engaged in livestock or agricultural production (including forestry). States or political subdivisions of States are ineligible.	Livestock -related conservation practices receive 50%of funding; Activities where agricultural and forestry improvements lead to water quality improvements	Activities to address agricultural non-point source pollution; Improving grazing lands, forest management, manure management, improved pesticide management; Educational assistance, technical assistance and facility improvements (Cost share).
USDA	Conservation Reserve Program	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crpinfo.htm Brent Mullis 990-9100 (ext. 2) brent.mullis@me.usda.gov	Cost share and land rental payments in a ten year contract; Up to \$50,000 per year for non cost-share payments; No specific monetary limit to cost share payments.	Individuals, units of state and local governments, Indian Tribal ventures, and other legal entities engaged in livestock or agricultural production.	Establish conservation cover on cropland and marginal pastureland. Establishment of riparian forest buffers on eligible lands.	Establish conservation cover on cropland and marginal pastureland; Establishment of riparian forest buffers on eligible lands.
Non-Profit/Private Funding Sources						
Hewlett Packard Company, Environmental Systems Research Institute	Computer Technology Support Program	www.ctsp.org	Hardware, software, data and training	Non-profits developing their GIS capacity	Commitment to conservation goals	
Maine Community Foundation		http://www.mainecef.org 667-9735	\$1000 - \$5000	Maine non-profits and public agencies with 501© (3) status	Projects that are collaborative, create networks, sustainable over time; Must not have received MCF funds in previous 12 months	Economic development; The arts; Conservation; Organizational development;
<p><i>Directory of Funding Sources for Grassroots River and Watershed Conservation Groups in New England and New York 1999-2000.</i> A Joint Project of the Northeast Watershed Round Table and River Network; Edited by Alison Cook, River Network</p> <p>Available through The River Network – Portland Oregon office 1-800-423-6747 for \$35.00 (\$6.00 shipping and handling if 1-2 copies or \$9.00 if >3 copies)</p> <p>River Network supporters get the first copy free.</p>						

Sources of Technical Assistance			
AGENCY/ ORGANIZ'N	PROGRAM	CONTACT/WEB ADDRESS	TYPES OF INFORMATION
DHS	Wellhead Protection Program	http://janus.state.me.us/dhs/eng/water/Wellhead%20Protection.htm Dave Braley 287-3194 or, Andy Tolman 287-6196	Location of Public Water Supplies well locations; protection areas; intakes (of surface water); watershed involvement; contaminant data (DEP)
American Water Works Association		http://www.awwa.org/ 202-628-8303	On-line learning; Professional Development; Conference papers; Networking; Job Listings; Government Affairs; Programs
Congress of Lake Associations		http://www.gwi.net/~cola/ P.O. Box 38, Readfield, Maine 04355	how to start a lake association, where to obtain water monitoring equipment, how to reduce erosion; communication network and coordinating structure for lake-related projects and issues; clearinghouse of environmental information pertaining to lake management; provide a pool of technical knowledge and expertise to advise and assist members; promote through education the appreciation and wise use of Maine lakes; promote boating and water safety; liaison with other environmental groups and agencies; monitor and report to members on legislation and administrative actions affecting Maine lakes; advocate and support legislation and administrative actions which promote sound lake management.
Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research Formerly: Water Research Institute		http://www.umaine.edu/WaterResearch/	research, education, and public service activities concerning water resources issues of local and regional interest; interdisciplinary water resources projects; training of students to be future water resource professionals; maintains a variety of water-related references, including a library of publications and electronic media presentations, newsletters, information digests, and research reports.
USGS ¹⁰		http://me.water.usgs.gov/	Mapping and hydrologic information

¹⁰ United States Geological Survey

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DOL ¹¹ Maine Conservation Corps	Ken Spalding http://janus.state.me.us/lab/mcc/index.htm 800-245-JOBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide jobs, jobs training, and conservation education to Maine people who are economically disadvantaged. •Promote and manage volunteer opportunities with public natural resource agencies.
MGS ¹²	http://www.state.me.us/doc/nrimc/mgs/hydro/hydro.htm 207-287-2801	<p>Aquifer maps; Educational materials – teacher aids; Publications; Fact Sheets; Geological Photo Gallery.</p>
USEPA Region 1	http://www.epa.gov/region1/topics/water/drinkwater.html Ted Lavery	<p>Drinking water and health; Consumer Confidence Reports; New England Drinking Water Program with links to local contacts, conservation programs, contamination avoidance efforts.</p>
NRCS ¹³ /SWCD ¹⁴	http://me.nrcs.usda.gov/mefoper.htm#NRCSOffices http://kcsxcd.org/ (207) 622-7847 x 3 http://www.penobscotswcd.org/ (207) 990-3676	<p>Assistance available from NRCS includes conservation planning and implementation, conservation cost share program assistance, watershed planning, agricultural and other natural resource information. It also includes professional help in agronomy, soils, biology, forestry, plant materials, range conservation, engineering, and other technical areas. The agency's work focuses on erosion reduction, water quality improvement, wetland restoration and protection, fish and wildlife habitat improvement, range management, stream restoration, water management, and other natural resource concerns.</p> <p>Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide leadership, information, education and technical assistance to conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources through partnerships with individuals, business, organizations and government.</p>
Maine Rural Water Association	http://www.mainerwa.org/ 729-6569	<p>Watershed and wellhead protection services include: protection area delineation, help hiring consultants, land use and potential contamination source inventory, mapping, threat evaluation and analysis, public information and outreach, coordination with local and state officials, design of regulatory and non-regulatory management strategies, education and training, funding, program implementation and enforcement, contingency planning, volunteer organization, community planning and development review</p> <p>NOTE: go to their Directory of Related Links page on their web site.</p>
Maine Water Utilities Association	http://www.mwua.org/index.cfm 832-2263	<p>share experiences at bimonthly meetings; sponsor training sessions for members; provide mutual support.; networking; February of each year: host a waterworks trade show in Portland, Maine drawing exhibitors from the United States and Canada and waterworks professionals from throughout the Northeast; monthly newsletter Standing Committees on education and operations; legislation and regulations, water resources and public awareness</p>
Portland Water District	http://www.pwd.org 761-8310	<p>Speakers bureau, Sebago Lake Ecology Center, School Programs, tours, educational materials</p>

¹¹ (Maine) Department of Labor

¹² Maine Geological Service

¹³ Natural Resource Conservation Service

¹⁴ Soil and Water Conservation District